



'समानो मन्त्रः समितिः समानी'

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL**

B.A. Honours 3rd Semester Examination, 2023

**SEC1-P1-ENGLISH**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**The question paper contains PAPER-I and PAPER-II.  
The candidates are required to answer any *one* from *two* Papers.  
Candidates should mention it clearly on the Answer Book.**

**PAPER-I**

**TEXT COMPREHENSION AND EDITING**

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:

2×8 = 16

Anand's bicycle has a flat tyre. He cannot ride it. He has to repair a puncture. He does not need to pay the man at the bicycle shop to mend it. He can repair it himself. He has taken out the inner tube. He has tested it and has found the puncture.

The test is easy. You get a bucket of water. You blow up the inner tube with a bicycle pump and put the tube into the water, bit by bit. You move the tube round till you see a stream of air bubbles coming up through the water. You mark the place where the air is coming out with a special pencil. Anand has one of these pencils. His father has given him a repair outfit. The pencil is in the outfit. He has marked the place where the puncture is. When the inner tube is dry he is going to stick a rubber patch on the puncture. He is going to stick it on with rubber solution. There are some patches and a tube of rubber solution in the repair outfit. When Anand has repaired his bicycle, he is going to ride it again.

- Why can't Anand ride his bicycle?
- Who is going to mend the puncture?
- What did Anand test to find the puncture?
- What is the first step of the test to find a puncture?
- Who has given Anand the things to mend the puncture with?
- What is used to mark the place where the air is coming out from?
- What will Anand do when the inner tube is dry?
- What will Anand do after repairing his bicycle?

2. Read the following poem carefully and answer the following questions:

2×8 = 16

The Seventh of September  
Was a warm and humid day,  
The air so still and peaceful,  
The war seemed far away.  
But this was an illusion  
For on that fateful afternoon  
As the East End basked in sunshine  
The peace would be ending soon.

The wailing of the siren  
Heralding the coming raid,  
Distant gunfire coming nearer  
It was time to be afraid.  
'Come on get down the shelter!'  
I heard my father cry,  
As a droning air armada  
Approached across the sky.

- (a) When is the poem set?
- (b) What sort of a day was it?
- (c) How did the air seem?
- (d) What did the narrator discover to be an illusion?
- (e) Which part of the place basked in sunshine?
- (f) What sound heralded the coming raid?
- (g) What did the narrator hear the father cry?
- (h) What approached across the sky?

3. Read the following paragraph carefully and attempt a summary of it:

10×1 = 10

Comprehension is part of life. Every waking minute, your brain is busy making sense of your world. It could be compared, in fact, to a very complicated computer. Messages are constantly coming in about what you see, hear, smell, touch, or taste. Your brain receives these messages, interprets them, sorts them, and saves them. When new information arrives, your brain looks for some connection to information already there. If it finds a connection, the new information becomes part of a network and is saved in your long-term memory. When it does not find a connection, the new information is quickly forgotten and lost.

4. Answer any **one** of the following questions:

6×1 = 6

- (a) What is editing and why do we need to edit?
- (b) What is the function of a copy editor?
- (c) How does style sheet writing relate to proofreading?

5. Apply any *six* proofreading symbols to the paragraph given below in reference to the correct version of it: 2×6 = 12

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Correct version:

People have always been interested in bees. This interest may have begun with what the bees make-honey. In fact, archaeologists have found evidence that people have been eating honey for many thousands of years.

## PAPER-II

### CREATIVE WRITING

1. Answer any *four* of the following questions: 10×4 = 40

- (a) Discipline is as necessary as imagination in creative writing— Discuss.
- (b) Do you think censorship is necessary in relationship to the art of Creative Writing? Give reasons for your answer.
- (c) Can the art of creative writing be taught? Give reasons for your answer.
- (d) Use your readings in this course to write an essay on The Creative Process of Writing.
- (e) Would you consider diary writing as a mode of creative writing? Answer critically.
- (f) Write a note on broadcast media.
- (g) Write a book proposal that you wish to send to a publishing house for consideration.
- (h) What, in your opinion, is the difference between the preparation made by an expert and a novice writer, while preparing for publication?

2. Answer any *four* of the following questions: 5×4 = 20

- (a) Write a short note on technology-enhanced creativity.
- (b) How does reading help in Creative Writing?
- (c) What are the differences between a script and a screenplay?
- (d) Write a review of a theatre festival you attended recently.
- (e) What are the fundamentals of a good advertisement?
- (f) What is the role of a literary agent?
- (g) What are some of the points to be kept in mind before submitting a manuscript for publication?
- (h) Write a short note on the role of interpretation in the context of revising a creative piece.

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